Wetland Area #1 & 4 shown on plan "LANDS OF FORMER PISTOL CREEK GOLF COURSE, RIO VISTA -Berlin

#### APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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SECTION I:	<b>BACKGROUND</b>	INFORMATION

REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): March 28, 2008

#### DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: New England District, Pistol Creek Association, LLC, NAT 2006-4232 B.

PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Wetland Area #1 shown on plan "LANDS OF FORMER PISTOL CREEK GOLF COURSE, RIO VISTA - BERLIN" in one sheet and undated.

State:CT County/parish/borough: Hartford

City: Berlin and Middletown, CT Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 41.612N° Pick List, Long. 72.734E° Pick List.

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Spruce Brook

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Mattabesset River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 01080205

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

# D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: June 28, 2007

Field Determination. Date(s):

#### SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:

# B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

#### 1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): 1

TNWs, including territorial seas

Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Impoundments of jurisdictional waters

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

#### b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: 1800 linear feet: 2 width (ft) and/or acres.

Wetlands: 2.92 acres.

#### c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):3

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

#### SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

#### TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

**TNW** 

Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

# CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under Rapanos have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody4 is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

# Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: 0.14 square miles Drainage area: 3.52 square miles Average annual rainfall: 49 inches Average annual snowfall: 47.3 inches

### (ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 2.5 river miles from TNW

Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.

Project waters are aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are I (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW5: Flows from the neighboring waters/wetlands of Spruce Brook into the Mattabassett River that is considered navigable at its intersection

<sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

		Tributary stream order, if known: .
	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):  Tributary is:   Natural  Artificial (man-made). Explain:  Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):  Average width: 2 feet  Average depth: 1 feet  Average side slopes: 3.1.
		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):  Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain:
banks		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Stable with small section of exposed
ogundi.		Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain:  Tributary geometry: Relatively straight  Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime: Flows approximately 324 months out of the year. Other information on duration and volume:
		Surface flow is: Confined. Characteristics:
		Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation shelving check the presence of wack line sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment sorting sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events water staining other (list):  Discontinuous OHWM. Explain:
		If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):  High Tide Line indicated by:  oil or scum line along shore objects  fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)  physical markings/characteristics  physical markings/characteristics  other (list):
(iii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: clear, slow flowing during normal conditions with some algea built up. tify specific pollutants, if known: Area was a former golf course that used pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

nirde.	(iv	) Bio 	logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):  Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):  Wetland fringe. Characteristics:  Habitat for:  Federally Listed species. Explain findings:  Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:  Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:  Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings:  American toad, green frog, bull frog, eastern garter shake, snapping
2.	Ch	aract	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)		ysical Characteristics:  General Wetland Characteristics:  Properties:  Wetland size: 2.92 acres  Wetland type. Explain: emergent marsh and wet meadow area that includes soft mish, , fox sedge, hard-stem bullrush. Wetland quality. Explain: Golf course so there is the potential for pesticide input.  Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: No Flow. Explain:
			Surface flow is: Contined Characteristics:
			Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings:
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:  ☐ Directly abutting ☐ Not directly abutting ☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: ☐ Ecological connection. Explain: ☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
		(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are 2.5 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1.2 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to/from navigable waters. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
	(ii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: clear. attify specific pollutants, if known:
	(iii	$\boxtimes$	Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Average of 2 feet.  Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: PEM.  Habitat for:  Federally Listed species. Explain findings:  Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:  Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: green frog. built frog. snapping turtle.
3.	Cha	All	eristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis:  roximately (292) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Sediment retention, nutrient retention, ground water discharge, floodwater retention, and wildlife habitat.

#### C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

# D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:  TNWs: State linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.

- 2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.
  - Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial:
  - Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonal. Watercourse on USGA Quadrangle Middletown, Conn, 1965, Photorevised 1972.

		Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: lacres.  Identify type(s) of waters:
	3.	Non-RPWs <sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters:
٠	4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.  Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
		Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: Water flows 3+ continuous months per year, and touch the watercourse.
		Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 202 acres.
	5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	7.	As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.  Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or  Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or  Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
E.	SUC SUC SUC	LATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain:

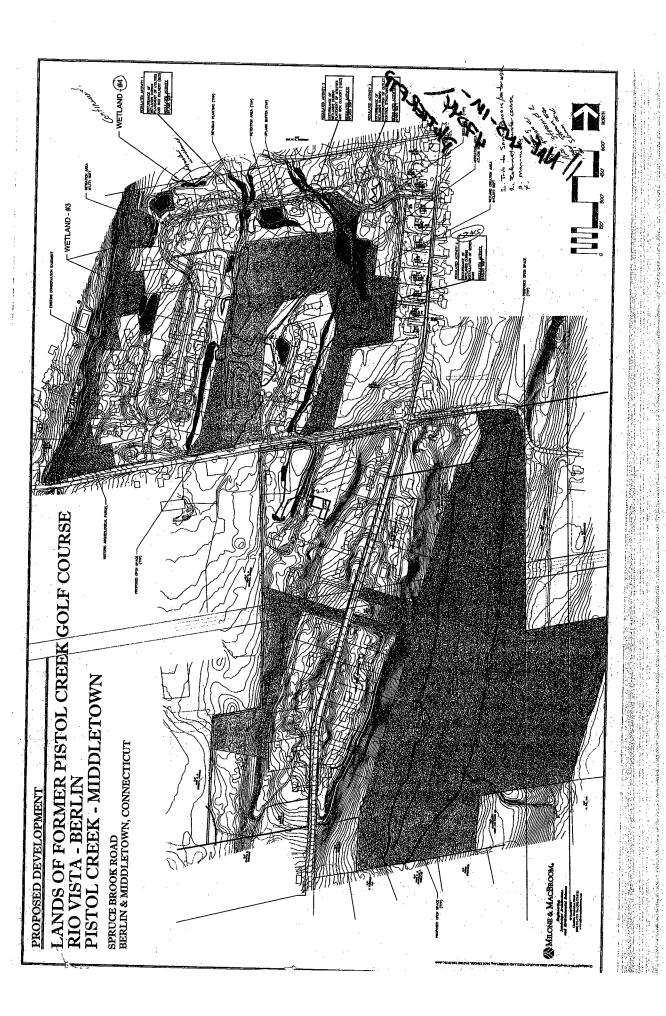
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.

<sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.
<b>F.</b>	NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):  If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.  Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).  Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Other: (explain, if not covered above):  Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):  Included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).  Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:  Other: (explain, if not covered above):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):  Included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  Waters do not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers  Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.  Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).
	Wetlands: Sacres.  Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: acres.  Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: acres.
SEC	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.
<b>A.</b> (	Augusted, appropriately reference sources below):  Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Milone & MacBroom 99 Realty Drive, Cheshire, Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.  Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.  Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.  Data sheets prepared by the Corps:  Corps navigable waters' study: Report on Navigable Status of the Mattabesset River, Connecticut 1965 preliminary determination.  U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:  USGS NHD data.  USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.  U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:  USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation.  National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: MIDDLETOWN, CONN, 3/85.  State/Local wetland inventory map(s):  FEMA/FIRM maps:  100-year Floodplain Elevation is:  (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)  Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date): RigVsia/Google.
	or Other (Name & Date):  Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:  Applicable/supporting case law:  Applicable/supporting scientific literature:  Other information (please specify):

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The defineation is confirmed only for the project area. The boundaries of other jurisdictional areas are approximate.



Wetland Area #2 shown on plan "LANDS OF FORMER PISTOL CREEK GOLF COURSE, RIO VISTA -Berlin

#### APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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SE	CTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION
A.	REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): March 28, 2008
В.	DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: New England District, Pistol Creek Association, LLC, NAE-2006-4232
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  State: County/parish/borough: Harfford City: Berlin and Middletown, CI  Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 41612N° Pick List, Long. 72.734E° Pick List.  Universal Transverse Mercator:  Name of nearest waterbody: Pruce Bigol  Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Mattabesset River  Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 01080205  Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.  Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.
D.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):  Office (Desk) Determination. Date: June 28, 2007  Field Determination. Date(s):
SEC A.	<u>CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS</u> RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
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В. (	CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re Are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]
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#### Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): 1 TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs Relatively permanent waters2 (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Impoundments of jurisdictional waters Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: 1800 linear feet: 2 width (ft) and/or acres.

Wetlands: 6.59 acres.

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):3

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain:

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#### **SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS**

#### A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

**TNW** 

Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

# CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under Rapanos have been met.

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A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

#### Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

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#### (ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through tributaries before entering TNW.

Project waters are 2.5 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW.

Project waters are aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW5: Flows from the neighboring waters/wetlands of Spruce Brook into the Mattabassett River that is considered navigable at its intersection.

<sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid

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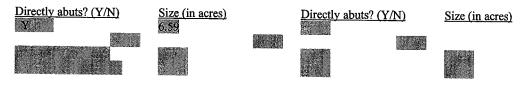
		Tributary stream order, if known:
	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):  Tributary is: Natural Artificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):  Average width: 2 feet  Average depth: 1 feet  Average side slopes: 4:1 (or greater).
		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):  Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover:
C 1		Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Stable with small sections of exposed
banks		Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime: Flows approximately 3-4 months out of the year. Other information on duration and volume:
		Surface flow is: Confined. Characteristics:
	_	Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings:
		Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil shelving vegetation matted down, bent, or absent leaf litter disturbed or washed away sediment deposition water staining other (list):  Discontinuous OHWM. Explain:
		If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):  High Tide Line indicated by: Oil or scum line along shore objects fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings/characteristics tidal gauges other (list):  Mean High Water Mark indicated by: Survey to available datum; physical markings; vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.
(iii)	Char	mical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.) Explain: clear, slow flowing during normal conditions with some algea built up. tify specific pollutants, if known: Area was a former golf consre that used pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

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Third.

	(iv	) Biol	ogical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all tha <u>t app</u> ly):
		닏	Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):
		H	Wetland fringe. Characteristics: [1886]. Habitat for:
		ш	Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: American toad, green frog, bull frog, eastern garter snake, snapping
turile.			
2.	Ch	aracte	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)		sical Characteristics:  General Wetland Characteristics:
		(a)	Properties:
			Wetland size: 6.59 acres
	•		Wetland type. Explain: emergent marsh and wet meadow area that includes sof rush, lurud sedge, fox sedge, hard-
stei	n bu	Hrush	
			Wetland quality. Explain: Golf course so there is the potential for pesticide input.  Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
•		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
		` '	Flow is: No Flow, Explain:
			Surface flow is: Confined Characteristics:
			Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings:
			Dye (or other) test performed:
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
			☑ Directly abutting
			Not directly abutting
			Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:
			☐ Ecological connection. Explain:
			Separated by benin barrier. Explain.
		(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW
			Project wetlands are 2.5 river miles from TNW.
			Project waters are 12 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
			Flow is from: Wetland to from navigable waters.  Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
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	(ii)		mical Characteristics:
		Cha	racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed
			characteristics; etc.). Explain: clear.
		Iden	tify specific pollutants, if known:
	(ii	i) Biol	ogical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):
	(	´⊠	Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Average of 2 feet.
		$\boxtimes$	Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: PEM.
		$\boxtimes$	Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings:
			☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:  Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: green frog, bull frog, snapping turtle.
3.	Ch		eristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)
		All	wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis:
		App	roximately (659) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Sediment retention, nutrient retention, ground water discharge, floodwater retention, and wildlife habitat.

#### C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the Rapanos Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and
  other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

# D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:
	TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.

2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial:
- Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: Watercourse on USGA Quadrangle Middletown, Conn, 1965, Photorevised 1972.

		Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: lacres.  Identify type(s) of waters:
	3.	Non-RPWs <sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet within the review area (check all that apply):  Other non-wetland waters: large acres.  Identify type(s) of waters:
	4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.  Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
sea: Wa	sonal terco	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: urse on USGA Quadrangle Middletown, Conn, 1965, Photorevised 1972.
		Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 6.59 acres.
	5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
		Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
	7.	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters.  As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.  Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or  Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or  Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).
Е.	SUC	LATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain:

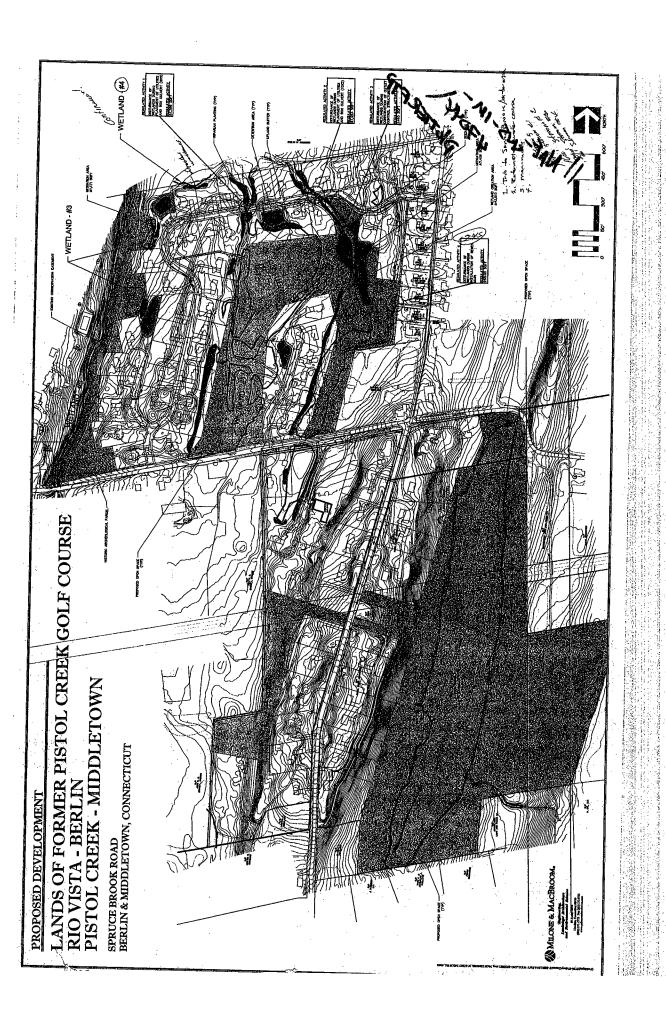
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See Footnote #3.

<sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	Other factors. Explain:	
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:	
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply Tributary waters: with linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.	y):
F.	F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK  If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did n Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.  Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the revie "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).  Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding Other: (explain, if not covered above):	or the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers (or foreign) commerce.  We area would have been regulated based solely on the
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of judgment (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: acres.  Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: Wetlands: acres.	the <u>sole</u> potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):  Lakes/ponds:  Other non-wetland waters:  Wetlands:  acres.  List type of aquatic resource:  Wetlands:	
SEC	SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.	
A. S	A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked i and requested, appropriately reference sources below):  Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultation Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.  Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.  Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.	
	Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Corps navigable waters' study: Report on Navigable Status of the Mattabess U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: USGS NHD data.	et River, Connecticut 1965 preliminary determination.
	USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.  U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:  USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:  National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: MIDDLETOWN, CONN, 3  State/Local wetland inventory map(s):  FEMA/FIRM maps:  100-year Floodplain Elevation is:  National Geodectic Vertical Datum  Photographs:  Aerial (Name & Date): Rio Vista/Google.  or ☐ Other (Name & Date):	3/85.
	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:  Applicable/supporting case law:  Applicable/supporting scientific literature: Other information (please specify):	

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The delineation is confirmed only for the project area. The boundaries of other jurisdictional areas are approximate.



Wetland Area # 6 shown on plan "LANDS OF FORMER PISTOL CREEK GOLF COURSE, RIO VISTA -Berlin

#### APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SE	CTI	ON	I:	BACKGROUND	INFORMATION

- REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): March 28, 2008
- DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: New England District, Pistol Creek Association, LLC, NAE-2006-4232
- PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: .

County/parish/borough: Hartford

City: Berlin and Middletown, C

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 41.599No Pick List, Long. 572.727Eo Pick List.

Universal Transverse Mercator:

Name of nearest waterbody: Bradley Brook

Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Mattabesset River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 01080205

Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

# D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: June 28, 2007

Field Determination. Date(s):

#### **SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

#### A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:

#### B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

#### 1. Waters of the U.S.

a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): 1

TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs

Relatively permanent waters<sup>2</sup> (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

Impoundments of jurisdictional waters

Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands

#### b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: 2400 linear feet: 2 width (ft) and/or acres.

Wetlands: 6.59 acres.

# c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual

Elevation of established OHWM (if known):

#### Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>3</sup>

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

#### SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

#### TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. **TNW** 

Identify TNW:

Summarize rationale supporting determination:

Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

# CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under Rapanos have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody<sup>4</sup> is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

### 1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: 0.14square miles Drainage area: 0.98 square miles Average annual rainfall: 49 inches Average annual snowfall: 47.3 inches

#### (ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through tributaries before entering TNW.

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Project waters are 22 aerial (straight) miles from TNW.

Project waters are I (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW5: Flows from the neighboring waters/wetlands of Bradley Brook into the Mattabassett River that is considered navigable at its intersection.

<sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

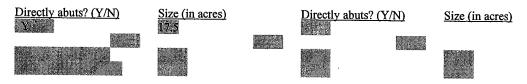
		Tributary stream order, if known:
	(b)	General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):  Tributary is: Natural  Artificial (man-made). Explain:  Manipulated (man-altered). Explain:
		Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):  Average width: 2 feet  Average depth: 1 feet  Average side slopes: 4:1 (or greater).
		Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):  Silts Sands Concrete Cobbles Gravel Muck Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover:
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banks		Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Tributary geometry: Relatively straight Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): %
	(c)	Flow: Tributary provides for: Seasonal flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 20 (or greater) Describe flow regime: Flows approximately 3-4 months out of the year. Other information on duration and volume:
		Surface flow is: Confined. Characteristics:
·		Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed:
		Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):  clear, natural line impressed on the bank changes in the character of soil shelving the presence of litter and debris destruction of terrestrial vegetation the presence of wrack line sediment sorting sediment deposition sediment deposition water staining to ther (list):  Discontinuous OHWM. <sup>7</sup> Explain:
		If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply):  High Tide Line indicated by:  Oil or scum line along shore objects  fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore)  physical markings/characteristics  tidal gauges  other (list):
(iii)	Char	mical Characteristics: racterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.) Explain: clear, slow flowing during normal conditions with some algea built up. tify specific pollutants, if known: Area was a former golf course that used pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

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furtle.	(iv)	Bio	logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):  Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width):  Wetland fringe. Characteristics:  Habitat for:  Federally Listed species. Explain findings:  Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:  Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:  American toad, green frog, bull frog, eastern garter snake, snapping
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cat	ail <sub>e</sub> is	ensili	Wetland type. Explain:Large emergent marsh scrub/shrub wet that includes tussock sedge, lesser burneed, broad-leave fern, royal fern, cinnamon fern, silky dogwood, highbush blueberry, speckled alder, red maple and yellow birch.  Wetland quality. Explain:Golf course so there is the potential for pesticide input.  Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: No Flow. Explain:
			Surface flow is: Confined Characteristics:
			Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings:  Dye (or other) test performed:
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:  ☐ Directly abutting ☐ Not directly abutting ☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: ☐ Ecological connection. Explain: ☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
		(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are 2.5 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1.2 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to/from navigable waters. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Pick List floodplain.
	(ii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: clear. https://example.com/specific pollutants, if known: Pollutants from an abandoned golf course.
	(iii)	$\boxtimes$	ogical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):  Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Average of 2 feet.  Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: PEM.  Habitat for:  Federally Listed species. Explain findings:  Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings:  Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:  Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: green frog, buil frog, snapping turtle.
3.	Cha	All v	eristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any) wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis:  roximately ( ) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:



Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Sediment retention, nutrient retention, ground water discharge, floodwater retention, and wildlife habitat.

#### C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the Rapanos Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

# D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:
	TNWs: linear feet width (ft), Or, acres.
	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: acres.

2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.

- Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial:
- Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: Watercourse on USGA Quadrangle Middletown, Conn, 1965, Photorevised 1972.

	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: with linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters:
3.	Non-RPWs <sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters:
4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.  Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: Wetlands touch RPW waterbody.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 1745 acres.
5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
7.	As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.  Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or  Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or
	Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see É below).
DE	DLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, GRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY CH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10 which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes.
	from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce.
	Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Seed.  Other factors. Explain: Seed.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>See Footnote #3.

<sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

<sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

	Pro	wide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: acres.  Identify type(s) of waters:  Wetlands: acres.
F.		N-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):  If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.  Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.  Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).  Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:  Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	Idel	vide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR fors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional gment (check all that apply):  Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): streams width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: acres.  Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: wetlands: acres.
	Prova fin	wide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a such a such a standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters: streams): standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, width (ft).  Lakes/ponds: standard waters (i.e., rivers, streams): standard water feet, with the feet water feet, with the feet water fe
SEC	CTIO	ON IV: DATA SOURCES.
A. S		PORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked requested, appropriately reference sources below):  Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: Millone & MacBroom , 99 Realty Drive, Cheshire, 06410.  Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.  Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.  Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.  Data sheets prepared by the Corps:
		Corps navigable waters' study: Report on Navigable Status of the Mattabesset River, Connecticut 1965 preliminary determination. U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: USGS NHD data.
		USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.  U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:  USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation:  National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: MIDDLETOWN, CONN, 3/85.  State/Local wetland inventory map(s):  FEMA/FIRM maps:  100-year Floodplain Elevation is:  (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)  Photographs:  Aerial (Name & Date): Rio Vista/Google.
		or Other (Name & Date):  Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:  Applicable/supporting case law:  Applicable/supporting scientific literature:  Other information (please specify):

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: The delineation is confirmed only for the project area. The boundaries of other jurisdictional areas are approximate.

